

Gorham, March 14, 1847

Dear Brother Howland:

We reached our home in Gorham, Me. last Friday P. M. While we have been from our friends here near seven weeks God has been merciful to us. He has been our strength on the sea and land. Ellen has enjoyed the best state of health for six weeks past that she has for so long a time for six years. We are both enjoying good health. We find our friends at home as well as usual and we think very steadfast in the faith of a speedy redemption at the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Since we left Topsham we have had some trying times. We have also had many glorious heavenly refreshing seasons. On the whole it has been one of the best visits we ever had to Mass. Our brethren at Bedford and F. Haven were mightily strengthened and confirmed in the truth and power of God. Brethren in other places were also much blessed.

We had a very free time at Bro. Nichols. They are all devoted and strong in the faith as ever. We came home sooner than we expected when I wrote you last. But we have been thinking much of home as well as of you at Topsham and Brunswick for two weeks. I think it will be the Lord's will for us to visit you soon. It seems a long time since we saw you last. We should be glad to see you and Sister ~~Howland~~ here. Will you come up and see us? If you will we will return with you to Topsham. If you cannot come send Brother Cobb or some other of the brethren. Let not the want of money prevent you from coming if you feel free to come for I have \$8.00 and can pay a part or can and will gladly and freely pay the whole if necessary. I want you to write as soon as you receive this and tell me of your prosperity unless some of you can come and see us immediately. If you do not conclude to visit us please inform me by letter as soon as you can so that we may make some

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other arrangement. We should be very glad to see you here. I think it might prove a blessing to you and to our folks here. You have a number to meet with at your place, but here is not one soul that we can meet with or unite in serving the Lord. It may be a duty to come up to Gorham and cheer us with your words of comfort. How good it would be if Gorham was only about five miles from Topsham so that we could spend our holy Sabbaths together. O, I am sick of our ungodly hypocritical dishonest cheating neighbors. What a wicked world we are living in! I love to think of the kingdom. Take away our hope and we are perfectly miserable. What a deathly degrading thought, to think of spending a life in this horribly unChristian world and then lay down in the dust. But it won't be so. No! No! no!!! Glory to Jesus it will not be so. No! no!!! no!!! We have blown the trumpet to make all ready. The trouble such as never was has begun in Europe. Jesus is ready to ride forth in indignation and thrash the heathen in anger.

James White.